

# The Groundplane

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## President's Corner - June 2015

June is here and that means that Field Day is rapidly approaching on the fourth weekend of the month. As usual, we will be setting up on Friday, June 26th at Central Park/Lake Elizabeth near Paseo Padre Pkwy and Sailway Drive starting at 11am and officially operating from 11am Saturday to 11am Sunday. I was REALLY looking forward to help setup on Friday, but I re-tore my rotator cuff on my last day of vacation last week, so I won't be doing much heavy lifting. Check out Al's article for more details about the potluck on Saturday!

SBARA Field Day affords the following benefits:

- **Having fun in the park with your fellow hams.**
  - **The ONLY opportunity to camp overnight in Central Park in a tent.**
  - **A chance to work HF, whether you are licensed for the bands or not.**
  - **Making more contacts than you can imagine.**
  - **Getting comfortable with logging software.**
  - **Sharing our hobby with the public.**
  - **Learning the difference between Running and Search & Pounce.**
  - **Sleeping/napping to the hum of gas generators.**
  - **Learning contesting techniques.**
  - **Seeing how long you can stay up at night making contacts. [Ask me about my experience with this last year!]**
- ...and many more!

public information table front and center of the area to insure that visitors are greeted and information is shared. I would really appreciate club members planning to spend an hour or two at this table to help visitors understand what we are doing and why as well as help promote SBARA. We had a few visitors at Radio in the Park. I expect many more for Field Day.

Some clubs in the area tend to be hard core contestants for Field Day. I have always appreciated that SBARA has always struck a balance between contesting and elmering fellow club members as well as engaging with the public. [NOTE: The secret word for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "ELMER." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it to Ray at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.] I know, from personal experience, that it is easy to hyper-focus and get on a roll making contacts. But those of you who may be operating during Field Day, please be aware of those around you and take a moment to engage your visitors by offering to answer questions or even offering for them to get on the air.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Field Day! Maybe with a nap, I will last longer on 40 meters overnight this year.

73!

Steve  
KG6HJU

This year we want to strategically locate the

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## **SBARA Field Day 2015—June 26th., 27th., 28th.,**

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**Experience the Excitement of Amateur Radio !!!**

**SBARA FIELD DAY 2015— JUNE 26TH, 27TH & 28TH.**

Central Park will be teeming with RF signals and excitement for all. Mark your calendar for this year's ARRL sponsored SBARA Field Day. 80M, 40M, 20M & 15M stations will be on the air. The SBARA planning committee is again planning a potluck on Saturday the 27th. The club will provide the entrée. Drinks, plates and flatware will be also provided.

Just bring yourself, your potluck dish and a chair for each member of your family. Any suggestions for the food or any other item for the potluck is welcomed by the Field Day planning committee. Send your ideas to [wt6k@arrl.net](mailto:wt6k@arrl.net).

The fun and excitement begins on Friday at 11:00 AM with setting up all the equipment and station tents. If you are available on Friday, please consider coming and helping setting up the stations.

Stay tuned in. Read the weekly e-mail notifications for more Field Day details such as pot-luck time, what you are to bring depending on your last name, etc.

73,

Al

WT6K

[Nepal Earthquake Keeps Amateur Radio relief Effort Going](#)

### The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm, Thursday on 144.230 MHz and Sunday on 7.057MHz +/- 3 kHz

You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in this Net.

The net has now its own email address. Please contact us here:

"SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

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Bernhard AE6YN

### Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net is take place....Every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PWW repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

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Bernhard AE6YN

### DX World Net

New Resource for DX'ers

If you're interested in chasing DX, then check out our new tool:

<http://www.dx-world.net/schedule>.

SBARA Membership meeting at 7:30 PM this Friday, June 12th. Meetings are held at Hurricane Electric on Mission Court off Warm Springs Blvd. We meet for a 6:00 PM pre-meeting dinner at Ho Chow Restaurant, On Warm Springs Blvd at Gable Drive. Check the SBARA website for addresses and details.

# Upcoming SBARA Events.....

## SBARA - Groundplane

The Groundplane is published monthly by the South Bay Amateur Radio Association. Articles and letters are always welcome. The normal deadline for material is the 20th day of each month for the next month's news-letter. Articles can be sent by email to hamradio at Comcast dot net or via U.S. Mail. Contact the Editor for details and submission guidelines.



**SBARA Action Packed Meeting is June 12th.! Fantastic Raffle Prizes—So Come to the Meeting for the Fellowship!**

## Amateur Exams

**ARRL VEC— June 9th @ 6:30 pm and July 11th . @ 9am**  
at Hurricane Electric – 48233 Warm Springs Blvd.  
Fremont. **Contact: Greg at [wy6pradio@gmail.com](mailto:wy6pradio@gmail.com)**  
\$15 fee. Walk-ins allowed.

***Additional information is described at the SBARA's Website, [www.sbara.org](http://www.sbara.org) Select License Exams from the navigation link.***

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## Are you looking for your favorite Repeater? Here is information you can use!

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WA6PWW — 147.015 + 600Khz, PL  
103.5

WA6PWW — 223.900—500Khz, PL  
107.2

WA6PWW — 442.600 +5Mhz, PL107.2

K6AIR—146.940—600Khz, PL 123.0

K6AIR—441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0

ARES Net Meeting —Tuesday Evenings  
@ 7:30pm on 147.015+600Khz, PL  
103.5